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Rick Wakeman

RICK WAKEMAN and The English Rock Ensemble, due to overwhelming ticket demand, have added two shows to their first ever British concert tour. Wakeman will now be playing a show at **IPSWICH** Gaumont on April 20 — the new opening night of the tour — and at **BIRMINGHAM** Odeon on May 2. Tickets for the extra shows (which both start at 5 pm) go on sale at Ipswich on March 12 and 13 and Birmingham on March 18 and 19. Wakeman, whose new album, "No Earthly Connection", is released by A&M on April 3, takes the tour to Europe following the British dates.

Neil Sedaka

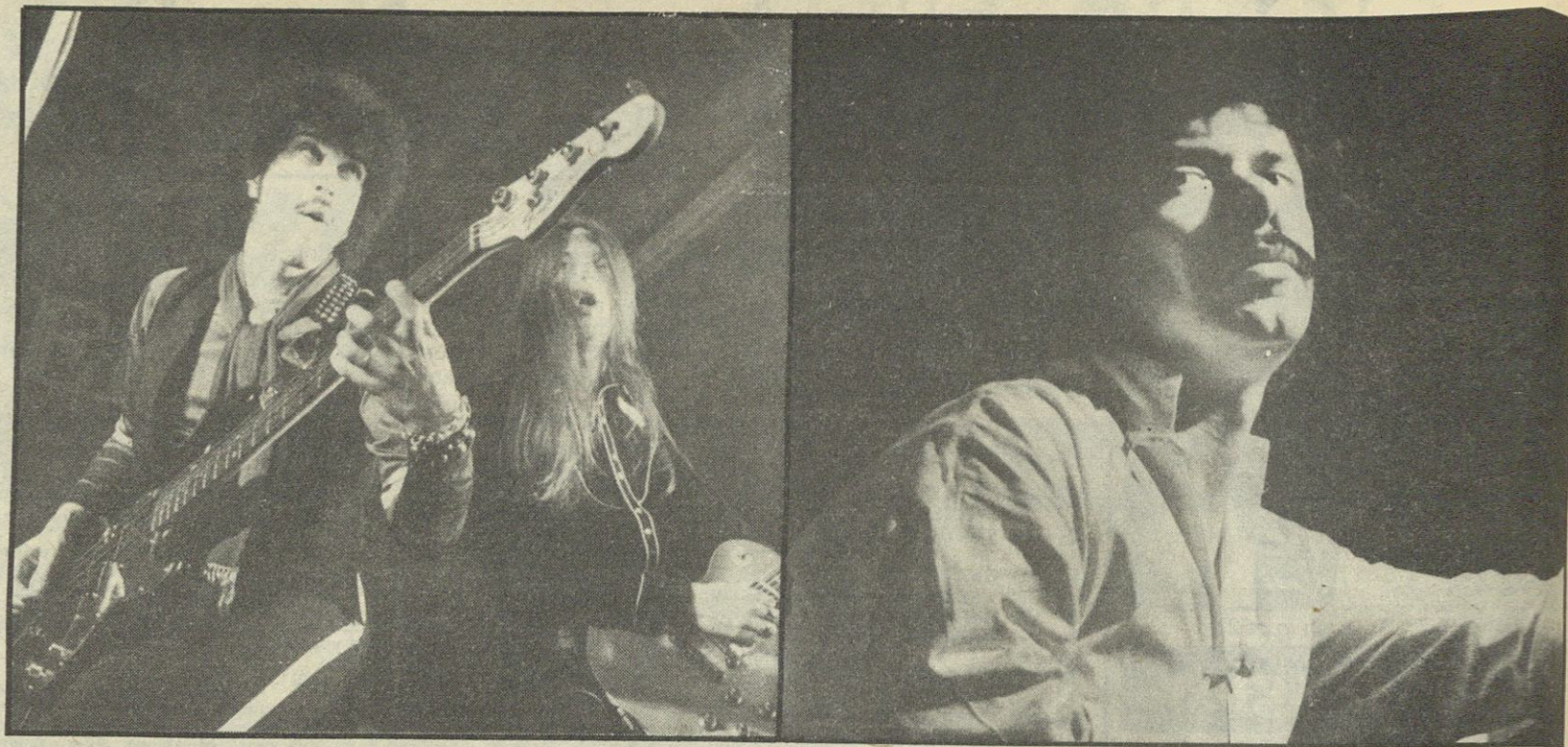
NEIL SEDAKA opens a British tour with nine days at **BATLEY** Variety Club from April 18 to 26. He then plays **GLASGOW** Apollo (27), **SOUTHPORT** Theatre (28), **BOURNEMOUTH** Winter Gardens (30), **LONDON** Royal Festival Hall (May 1), **HAMMER-SMITH** Odeon, London (2), **BRISTOL** Colston Hall (4) and **MANCHESTER** Palace (5).

Budgie

BUDGIE, whose last two albums "In For The Kill" and "Bando-lier" have both made the MM chart, are to make a massive British concert tour in April and May. They open at **BIRMINGHAM** Mayfair on April 15, continuing at **EDINBURGH** Leith Theatre (16), **DUNDEE** Caird Hall (17), **NEWCASTLE** City Hall (18), **GLASGOW** City Hall (20), **STOKE** Victoria Hall (23), **MAIDENHEAD** Skindles (24), **CROYDON** Greyhound (25), **SWANSEA** Top Rank (26), **SHEFFIELD** City Hall (28), **CHELtenham** Pavilion (29), **CARDIFF** Top Rank (30). Dates in May are at **NORTHAMPTON** County Cricket Club (1), **GUILDFORD** Civic Hall (2), **PLYMOUTH** Guildhall (3), **BURNLEY** Nelson's Column (7), **NOTTINGHAM** University (8), **LIVERPOOL** Stadium (9), **LEICESTER** De Montfort Hall (10), **NORWICH** St Andrews Hall (11), **LEEDS** Polytechnic (13), **READING** Town Hall (14), **ST ALBANS** Civic Hall (15), **LONDON** Roundhouse (16), **LINCOLN** Drill Hall (19), **MANCHESTER** Free Trade Hall (20), **SOUTHEND** Kursaal (22) and **DUBLIN** Stadium (29).

James Last

GERMAN bandleader James Last has added an extra date to his upcoming tour. It is at **Eastbourne** Congress Theatre on March 27. The remainder of the itinerary is as already published in the MM. The tour runs through to April 11, when it ends at **BOURNEMOUTH** Winter Gardens.



THIN LIZZY's PHIL LYNOTT and **SCOTT GORHAM** on stage at Colchester on Saturday/**CHICK COREA** at London's New Victoria on Friday. Reviews — pages 21 and 22.

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